

DENTAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL ASSISTANT DELEGATED DUTIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

As adopted by the Board of Dentistry on 9/22/95 in accordance with 201 KAR 8:135. Auxiliary personnel, these are the current duties and responsibilities that may be delegated to dental hygienists and dental assistants. This is a complete list to date. The legislative sub committee reviews new procedures and duties on an annual basis and submits further recommendations to the Board for approval.

These duties are preformed under direct supervision of the dentist.

| <u>DUTY</u> | <u>DENTAL HYGIENIST</u> | <u>DENTAL ASSISTANT</u> |
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| Actisite | | |
| Placement | Yes | No |
| Removal | Yes | No |
| Amalgam Restorations | | |
| Placing (condensation) | Yes | Yes |
| Carving | Yes | Yes |
| Polishing | Yes | Yes |
| Anesthetic Agents (administering local) | | |
| By infiltration | Yes** | No |
| By block | Yes** | No |
| Anesthetic - Topical Application | Yes | Yes |
| Bases and cavity Liners - Applying | Yes | Yes |
| Bands and Bonding Brackets | Yes | Yes |
| Bending Archwires | No | No (for intra oral use) |
| Brush Biopsy | No | No |
| Cement - Removal Coronal Surfaces | Yes | Yes |
| Composite Resin Restorations | | |
| Placing | Yes | Yes |
| Finishing | Yes | Yes |
| Crowns | | |
| Temporary | | |
| Fabricating | Yes | Yes |
| Placing | Yes | Yes |
| Removing | Yes | Yes |
| Diagnosis | No | No |
| Examine Oral Cavity (inspecting, information gathering only) | Yes | Yes |
| Expanded Functions | Yes | Yes |
| Fluoride | Yes | Yes |
| General Supervision | Yes | No |

(Impressions (only if the impression is not used for an orthodontic appliance.)

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| Preliminary | | |
| Placement | Yes | Yes |
| Pouring model | Yes | Yes |
| Master or final | | |
| Placement | No | No |
| Holding | Yes | Yes |
| Removal | Yes | Yes |
| Pouring model | Yes | Yes |
| Matrices | | |
| Placing | Yes | Yes |
| Removing | Yes | Yes |
| Nitrous Oxide Analgesia | | |
| Administering | Yes ** | No |
| Monitoring | Yes | Yes |
| Polishing - Coronal (clinical) | Yes | Yes ** |
| Performing Pulp Vitality Testing | Yes | Yes |
| Periodontal Dressings | | |
| Placing | Yes | Yes |
| Removing | Yes | Yes |
| Probing | Yes | No |
| Radiographs Exposing | Yes | Yes ** |
| Retraction Cords | | |
| Placing and packing | Yes | Yes |
| Removal | Yes | Yes |
| Root Planning | Yes | No |
| Rubber Dams | | |
| Placing | Yes | Yes |
| Removing | Yes | Yes |
| Sealant Application | Yes | Yes |
| Scaling | | |
| Supra Gingival | Yes | No |
| Subgingival | Yes | No |
| Sutures | | |
| removal | Yes | Yes |
| Placement | No | No |

**** Educational requirements must be met first**

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